

# News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
5 Hollingsbrook Street,  
Petersburg, Va., July 9.

On account of extra court engagements, Judge J. E. West will not take up the Avery-Tartte case, involving the control of Harrison Street Baptist Church, colored, which has been pending in the courts for six years, until after the first week in August, when depositions taken by the litigants will be read and arguments made by counsel in favor of and against the report filed by Special Commissioner J. B. Prince on June 15, embodying the result of the election held on April 12, 1912, and the status of the twenty-nine petitioners claiming membership.

According to this report, the anti-Tarttles' majority of fifteen remains unaffected by these proceedings, which have covered a period of eighteen months.

Two of the twenty petitioners were accepted as members and recorded as voting against Tartte, whereas of the remaining twenty-seven Tarttles, but eight were returned as members, and accounted as voting for Tartte.

At the election four persons gained admission by giving the names of anti-Tarttles, colored, but who were not present. The votes were declared irregular and thrown out, and the vote stands: Tarttles, 142; anti-Tarttles, 157. James W. Gordon, of Richmond, represents the anti-Tarttles, and R. B. Davis and Paul Pettit the Tarttles.

**Stole a Cow.**

On July 5 Maria Ritchie, an aged colored woman living near Dinwiddie Courthouse, reported to the police that her only cow had been stolen from her. Investigation proved that the cow had been sold to a butcher in the western part of the city and the hide to a dealer in the city. When shown to hide the old woman at once identified it as belonging to her cow. The identification was proven by notches in the tail which had been cut by her.

Alfred Morton, colored, was arrested on the charge of being the thief, and he was identified as the man who sold the cow. In this city Morton was taken before Justice Watkins at Fordale Park this morning and was sent on to the Circuit Court for trial. Morton was brought to the jail in Petersburg for safekeeping.

The joint committee from the Council and Board of Aldermen, appointed for the purpose of awarding damages

resulting to abutting property owners through the proposed elevation of River Street, were in session all the afternoon yesterday hearing testimony of the property owners. That the committee and property owners are far apart was shown very conclusively yesterday, and indications point to the courts for final action. The Council was to have met last night to receive the report of the joint committee. City Attorney George Mason, however, held that ten days should elapse from the time of the agreement of the committee as to its report before the Council could take action, and the members of the Council, after hearing the opinion of the City Attorney, adjourned without holding a meeting, subject to the call of the president of the Council.

**Briefs and Personal.**

The Ladies' Memorial Association held its annual meeting in A. P. Hill Camp last evening and re-elected Mrs. L. L. Marks president, Mrs. W. E. Harwood, J. Hamden Sleeter and H. V. L. Bird, vice-presidents; Mrs. Shelton Cheeves, recording secretary; Mrs. Richard H. Linkes, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Charles E. Kirkham, treasurer. The report of the treasurer showed the total receipts for the year, \$2,739.99; expenditures, \$1,501.73; balance on hand, \$1,238.26.

Henry Johnson and John Farmer, the Baltimore negroes arrested yesterday evening by Detective Eanes on the charge of stealing a gold watch, the property of J. B. Brockwell, were sent to jail for ninety days this morning by the police justice.

Kellar, formerly of the Norfolk club, of the Virginia State League, has been purchased by Petersburg and will report for duty to-morrow.

Taylor Goodwyn, employe of the New York Clothing Company, and Miss Hester Tucker, daughter of Mrs. Jennie Tucker, left this morning for Washington, D. C., in which city they will be married. The couple will make Petersburg their home.

The alarm of fire this evening about 5:30 was caused by the partial burning of the house owned and occupied by Alex. Forbes, corner of Dunlop and Miller Streets. The fire originated in the kitchen, and burned through to the dining-room. The loss will amount to \$250, which is covered by insurance.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Central State Hospital was held to-day. Robert Gilliam and J. C. Bohannon, of this city, and R. B. Cooke, of Norfolk, compose the board.

## Odds and Ends From the Wire

**"ULTRA" WOMAN EJECTED.**

Costume at Lord's So Daring Wearer Is Asked to Leave.

London, July 9.—The society garb of an ultra-fashionably dressed woman led to her being asked to leave Lord's Cricket Grounds, where the "Cambridge cricket match was being played. The stands were filled with England's smartest and all the women present were beautifully gowned, but the person in question was not noticeable because of her garb, which was a combination of a bathing and a dress. She wore a big flapping straw hat and a lace dress which had evidently no lining, and whose skirt was so tight that black knickerbockers and jeweled garter buckles were as easily seen as if in a show window.

All eyes were gradually magnetized by the woman, until suddenly a policeman walked over and whispered something in her ear. She arose and left the grounds. However, she was perfectly complacent, and evidently satisfied with the sensation she made.

**ASKED EX-WIFE TO BURIAL.**

**Suicide Leaves Divorced Woman Money.**

Worcester, Mass., July 9.—Leaving a note to his sister, Mrs. Henry Collins, with whom he lived at 85 Austin Street, directing that \$35 be given to his divorced wife with which to purchase a mourning gown and that she be asked to be chief mourner at his funeral, Ferdinand Helfenstein, fifty-four years old, turned on the gas in his bedroom. His dead body was found this morning.

Mrs. Helfenstein obtained a divorce from her husband last January, and since then he had been dead.

Helfenstein left a note for his former wife, but its contents have not been disclosed.

**WOMEN HEROIC AT FIRE.**

**Society Folk Dash Into Burning House and Save Goods.**

Philadelphia, July 9.—Dropping their work through a fire-laden room at the risk of suffocation, Mrs. B. Dobson Altman and Mrs. Arthur Spencer, daughters of James J. Dobson, carpet manufacturer, dashed into a burning three-story building occupied by the gardener on the Parkway, and assisted in carrying out household goods and later directed the work of the bucket brigade, which was in-

strumental in confining the flames to the building. Both Mrs. Altman and Mrs. Spencer are prominent in society and are widely known horsewomen.

**RICH WOMAN DIVES FOR NEGRO.**

**Tries Her Best to Save Drowned Little Colored Boy.**

Pittsburgh, July 9.—Mrs. Harry Coleman, a member of the fashionable Country Club, of Edgewood, a suburb of this city, dived for fully ten minutes in the foul water of an old stone quarry near the clubhouse in seeking to recover before life became extinct the body of Ashton Hayward, aged sixteen, a negro, of North Braddock, who had been drowned.

Only a blundering little six-year-old negro boy, the brother of the drowned lad, was the spectator of her efforts. It was in response to his piteous appeals made to her while she was playing golf that she had dropped her clubs and raced across the links for a quarter of a mile at his heels, divesting her apparel as she ran. An expert swimmer, she did not hesitate to dive in.

The approach of men attracted by her running caused a cessation of her endeavors. The little negro held the men off until she dressed sufficiently to return to the clubhouse.

**DIES AFTER BASEBALL MISHAP.**

**Victim of Rival's Slide at Second Base Expires.**

Altoona, Pa., July 9.—While covering second base for the Hollidaysburg team, a player of the Altoona Mechanics, Stephen Hughes, aged twenty-three years, of Hollidaysburg, broke his right leg when a runner slid into the bag.

After the fracture was reduced at Mercy Hospital and before he recovered from the effects of the ether, he collapsed and died.

**REPLACE GIRL'S SCALP.**

**Doctors Give Hope of Recovery of Terribly Injured Lady.**

Pleminington, N. J., July 9.—Dorothy, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Ed. Ward Stout, of near Pleminington Junction, caught her hair in a belt at the Courtney Hyde cereal plant. Unable to release herself, her hair was drawn about the shaft, tearing her scalp completely from her head. A portion of one ear was also torn off. She was

found in a pool of blood a few minutes later.

Effective first-aid treatment was administered, and Drs. Tompkins and Henry were quickly summoned, who replaced her scalp on the girl's head in the hope of saving her. Miss Stout suffered severely from the loss of blood and shock, but was able to be removed to her home. The chances for her recovery are about equal, the doctors say.

**BOY AND DOG SURF HEROES.**

**Little Fellow Had Trained Pet for Emergencies.**

Atlantic City, July 9.—"Dorie" Leslie, twelve years old, and his big shepherd dog Spud qualified as heroes on the upper section of the beach through their rescue from drowning of Alfred Meyers, Philadelphia, who is spending the summer in a cottage on Oriental Avenue. Meyers was bathing off North Haverhill Avenue early when he was caught in an eddy and rapidly seaward. Exhausted by his struggle, he was unable to reach shore and cried for help, and Dorie's response came in the rush of "Dorie" and his dog.

The little fellow had trained the animal for just such an emergency, and the boy and dog reached the side of the drowning victim before he could seize the animal's collar. Though terribly exhausted Meyers followed instructions and was towed safely ashore.

**FINDS FICTION'S FAILINGS.**

**Boy Who Sought to Shine Way to Fortune Arrested.**

New York, July 9.—Louis Brown read all of Horatio Alger, Jr.'s books. There he found out that the quickest way to become a millionaire was to start as a bootblack or to sell papers. So he came to New York yesterday with a bootblack box slung over his arm and with all of his twelve years of experience and the precepts of his favorite author to guide him.

"Please, sir," he said to Patrolman Burke, "can you tell me where the proper place for me to go to start out to be a millionaire?"

"There are some things New York policemen do not know," so Patrolman Burke took Louis to the Stagg Street Police Station on a charge of vagrancy. Then the boy was sent to the Children's Society, in Schermerhorn Street, where he will stay while his ambitions are investigated. Louis said he lived in Providence.

**Heavy Shipments of Cabbage.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bristol, Va., July 9.—It is estimated that 2,500 carloads of cabbages will be shipped from the cabbage belt embracing portions of Wythe and Smyth Counties this season. The crop is not quite so heavy as last year, but it is said to be in good condition. The shipments from the Norfolk and Western station, at Rural Retreat last season aggregated 1,000 cars. Truckers there estimate that the shortage this year will not be greater than 200 cars. Heavy shipments will also be made from Wytheville, Crockett's, Atkins and other stations.

## FIRST CRUSADE OF NEW LEAGUE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Norfolk, Va., July 9.—The finding of indictments against Charles H. Consolvo, David B. Cain, John T. Lewis, Aaron Marx and N. B. Joyner, for operating slot machines on their premises at Ocean View is the first move since the split in the Ocean View Improvement League, towards wiping out alleged gambling at this popular resort.

On July 1, members of the Ocean View League, which furnished evidence on which the indictments were brought, split, because of a resolution favoring a crusade against gambling and other alleged unlawful practices at the View did not meet with favor of a majority of the members.

As a result, about twenty members booted the meeting and organized a league of their own. The new league went after alleged violators, and the indictments resulted. Those who testified before the grand jury were Robert Amory, A. Beachy, W. B. Daugherty and J. B. Overman. The latter is secretary of the new league.

Mr. Consolvo said: "I thought I was keeping entirely within the law in operating the machines. The machines paid in checks which are redeemable in trade."

"The action of the grand jury is the first intimation I have that the machines were objectionable or a violation of the law."

## STORY OF WITNESS FAVORS MINISTER

**Wounds Laid to Whiskey Bottle May Have Been Caused by Knucks.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., July 9.—Vague Superior Court was taken up to-day with hearing evidence in the case against Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, in which he is charged with striking Wiley Straughan over the head with a whiskey bottle while Straughan was fighting Detective Green, because the latter had charged that he bought whiskey from James Chappell, clerk in O. G. King's drug store. The sensational affair grew out of the fierce and unsuccessful campaign of the good government forces against the election of O. G. King to the commissionership of public safety.

As in the preliminary trial, a number of witnesses testified that they saw Mr. Davis use the bottle on Straughan. However, Detective Green testified to-day that he used brass knucks on Straughan, and inflicted the wounds that Straughan's witnesses insist that Davis inflicted with the bottle. The case will be argued by counsel to-morrow. A mistrial is freely predicted.

## PRISON BOARD OVERRULED

**Council of State Insists on Hiring Convicts to North Carolina Railroads.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., July 9.—Conferees between the Governor and Council of State and the directors of the State prison relative to the State's policy of working convicts on railroads and taking stock in payment, were concluded to-day. The Council of State insists on the continuance of the present policy, where the railroad companies meet the conditions required in giving bond for the completion and operation of the railroad, and guarantee to have three times as much work as the convicts furnished represent. It directed the prison board to send fifty

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| All \$6.00 and \$6.50 grades cut to.....            | \$3.75 | \$2.50 Wash Suits reduced to..... | \$1.50 |
| All \$7.00 and \$7.50 grades cut to.....            | \$4.45 | \$3.00 Wash Suits reduced to..... | \$1.89 |
| All \$8.00 and \$8.50 grades cut to.....            | \$4.95 | \$3.50 Wash Suits reduced to..... | \$2.00 |
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| Entire line of \$8.00 and \$8.50 Trousers reduced to..... | \$4.95 | All 50c. Blouse Waists and Shirts, reduced to.....                                  | 33c    |
| Entire line of \$9.00 and \$9.50 Trousers reduced to..... | \$5.45 | Celebrated Black Cat Stockings, 25c. grade, reduced to.....                         | 19c    |
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**DISCUSS PLAN FOR COTTON BARRIER**

Senator Smith Is Pushing Scheme to Fight Boll Weevil.

Washington, July 9.—Several informal conferences were held to-day by Senator Smith, of South Carolina; other Southern legislators and cotton men in regard to the South Carolina Senator's proposal for the erection of a barrier in Alabama against the threatened invasion of the boll weevil into the South Atlantic cotton States.

What steps the Federal government should be asked to take and what the States and cotton growers themselves might be called upon to undertake in the growing of cotton in a fifty-mile belt across Alabama from north to south, with a view of preventing the boll weevil migrating east of this strip, was the subject of the conference.

A plan was under consideration to gain the co-operation of thread, lace and mercerized goods manufactured in the movement. This suggestion was based upon the fact that these articles are manufactured from Sea Island cotton, most of which is grown along the coast of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

It is said that the Sea Island cotton seed comes almost exclusively from

South Carolina. Should the boll weevil once get into the Sea Island cotton fields, it is said, it could scarcely be eradicated because of the semitropical temperature there.

Another suggestion under consideration was to authorize a fund among cotton growers of the Southeastern States to defray part of the expenses toward establishing this barrier. It was estimated that growers in the Southeastern States expended annually as much as \$5 an acre in fighting the weevil. A contribution of this amount from Eastern planters for one year, it was urged would go a long way toward establishing the barrier, with State and Federal co-operation.

**Montague Back in Seat.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, July 9.—Congressman A. J. Montague, of Virginia, was in his seat for the first time in several weeks to-day. Illness in his family and other causes have kept him away for a long time. It is quite probable, as there will be only two or three sessions of the House a week for some time, that he will return to Richmond and not be here regularly until the usual daily sessions are resumed.

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